

I congratulate my fellow Californian and concerned citizen for a job extremely well done. I am confident in his selfless service to IIAA, his colleagues, and his fellow citizens of Long Beach will continue uninterrupted well into the future.

#### MSTRAP AND LEAD PROVIDE A TECHNOLOGICAL LEAP

#### HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, last week on August 29 and 30, the officers and crew of the U.S.S. *Hayler* made history. In exercises against one of the most sophisticated diesel submarine forces in the world, armed with a full load-out of modern torpedoes, the ship successfully defeated every simulated attack. The state of the art capability that was most professionally demonstrated by the ship's captain, CDR Alan B. Hicks, and the U.S.S. *Hayler* represents a technological breakthrough and a real success story for acquisition reform and reinventing Government. This technological leap was provided by two new systems known as MSTRAP and LEAD that were developed and deployed in a fraction of the time and at a fraction of the cost than traditional Mil-Spec approaches would have taken.

#### PRESS ADVISORY

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to issue a press advisory concerning the coalition to save Medicare.

Earlier this month, a spokesperson for the coalition was quoted as saying—

We want to reform Medicare and we want to save it. That's what it's all about. No one's going to be forced into managed care or anything else. It's so simple and so innocent. I'm just amazed at how it's being depicted. (Associated Press, August 9, 1995.)

The person who made this comment on behalf of the coalition was Claire del Real. Ms. del Real served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs in the Department of Health and Human Services [HHS] during the Reagan administration. Upon leaving HHS, Ms. del Real took a position with International Medical Centers [IMC]. IMC was a private HMO participating in a Medicare demonstration project that promised to provide free prescription drugs, eyeglasses, and doctor and hospital care without Medicare deductibles in an effort to increase competition and reduce costs to the Medicare Program. (The Washington Post, June 23, 1987.)

In reality, IMC President Miguel Recarey was indicted for being one of the most fraudulent parties to ever participate in the Medicare Program, with the fraudulent activity permitted largely as a result of waivers approved by HHS officials. Recarey remains a fugitive from U.S. courts. The inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services, the

General Accounting Office, and a congressional committee found that—

Between 1981 and 1986, a period in which HHS was making key decisions regarding IMC, numerous HHS employees left Government service for employment with IMC, either directly or as consultants providing services to IMC. ("Alleged Misconduct by International Medical Centers, Inc. Officials," Report of the Office of Special Investigations, General Accounting Office, December 15, 1987.)

Among the former HHS officials hired by IMC was Juan del Real, the HHS general counsel who left the Government in November 1984 to work for a large Washington law firm. The firm began representing IMC several months later and was paid \$800,000 in 1986 by IMC. In June 1985, del Real quit the firm to work for IMC at a salary of \$325,000, four times what he earned as a Government lawyer. IMC also hired his wife, Claire, a former HHS spokesperson at \$130,000 per year. (Miami Herald, 1988.)

McClain Haddow, the chief of staff to the Secretary of HHS, was found to have circumvented his agency's normal procedures, got a secret opinion justifying the waiver to IMC and granted it. Months after Haddow left HHS in 1986, Claire del Real offered him a job and hired him as an IMC lobbyist. ("Medicare Health Maintenance Organizations: the IMC Experience," Hearing of the Committee on Government Operations, December 15, 1987.)

In sum, Ms. del Real was a senior representative in an organization that offered to strengthen, but actually looted, Medicare. Today, she represents an organization with the stated goal of saving Medicare.

#### "MY VISION FOR AMERICA"

#### HON. EARL POMEROY

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues a letter written to me from the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States regarding the Voice of Democracy broadcast scriptwriting contest. Jennifer Schuler, a senior at Devils Lake High School from North Dakota, has been named a national winner in the 1995 Voice of Democracy Program for her essay entitled "My Vision For America" which emphasizes remembering the positive things in this world. I have included Jennifer's essay for the benefit of my colleagues.

Bullets flagged down thirty protesters in front of the capitol. . . (click) Four B-52 bombers flew over Kwait today. . . (click) A 7.1 earthquake struck southern California. . . (click) The mid-west estimates flood damage to have reached. . . (click) The World Trade Center was evacuated today after a bomb blast. . . (click)

It's hard to watch the news at night and come away with a positive outlook on what the future holds. I, like many other people, get caught up in the media's negative portrayal of the world. If we are so wrapped up in the negative, it closes us off to so many opportunities to see the good that is around us. A perfect example is Susan Smith; the woman who confessed to murdering her two children. The nation, perhaps even the world, was struck to the soul by this story. A shadow fell over the United States filling us with helplessness and now hinders us from seeing the good that so many people are giving.

My vision is that people stop and take the time to see what is actually being accomplished for the better good of this nation. Look for the people who haven't given up on our country. Look at our teachers. Everytime that a teacher helps just one student understand, is another step forward. Look at the organizations dedicated to helping citizens of our own United States and the world. Consider for example, Mothers against Drunk Driving, or students against drunk driving. Everytime their message touches a parent or a child, chances are that someone will be spared from an alcohol related accident. What about UNICEF. Does anyone know what UNICEF stands for anymore? The Jerry Lewis Telethon or the March of Dimes. These organizations, too, are fighting for the people. The people of the United States. It's not just organizations who are making the world a better place. Individuals who donate organs, give up a half an hour of their time to tutor someone, or organize a program like Just Say No are all contributing to the positive side of America.

Certainly our world is not a perfect place. It does have its share of problems. But rather than making these problems so large that they seem impossible or insurmountable, doesn't it make much sense to look at what has already been accomplished. There are many people who have not let the negativism of our country to pull them down. Would African American's have their rights and freedom if Martin Luther King, Jr. hadn't had the courage to bring his dream to life? Would women have won the right to vote if Susan B. Anthony had not held fast to her vision? The Wright Brothers may have not have even attempted to design or construct a plane if they had let the negativism and ridicule of their peers influence their vision that flight was possible. Without these visions, if people had not blocked out the negative, America would not be a safe haven for refugees and immigrants. Without a vision, America would international relations be possible? Take for example Space Station Alpha. Would this be an all-American project with closed doors to the world if someone had not had a vision? In reality, the U.S., Europe, Canada, Japan, and Russia have all bonded together to create Space Station Alpha. This station is a vision to our future.

We all have visions of what we want America to accomplish. Some examples are world peace, hunger relief, a cure for Aids, or even a unified nation. But my vision is simple. All I ask is that we remember the good, while we're dealing with the bad.

#### LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

#### HON. LEE H. HAMILTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 6, 1995*

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to insert my Washington Report for Wednesday, September 6, 1995, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

#### WHY I OPPOSE LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

I am almost always asked during high school convocations in southern Indiana whether I think marijuana should be legalized. The question reflects a widespread perception, particularly among young people, that marijuana is a "safe" drug and, like tobacco, should be made legal. I do not agree with this view. Recent scientific studies continue to demonstrate that marijuana is dangerous and can cause significant health problems for those who consume it.